REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of Claims 1-3.

Claims 4 and 7 have been amended herein to clarify the invention of those claims as well as claims dependent thereon.

Claim 4, as now amended is to an internal component assembly having an internal component for an electronic apparatus and a fixation member stationary on the internal component. An erect plate continuously extends from the fixation member so as to stand on an outer surface of the internal component, and a shock absorbing member is fixed on front and back sides of the erect plate.

Claim 7, as now amended, is to a shock absorbing apparatus having a fixation member stationary on an internal component designed to be installed in an electronic apparatus, and an erect plate continuously extending from the fixation member so as to stand on an outer surface of the internal component. A shock absorbing member is fixed on front and back sides of the erect plate.

Such arrangements of an internal component assembly and a shock absorbing apparatus are not taught or suggested in the cited reference.

Reconsideration and removal of the rejection of Applicants' claims 4-9 as anticipated by JP 11177261 are respectfully requested in view of the present amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

In Applicants amended claims, the shock absorbing member is fixed as stationary to the erect plate which extends from the fixation member.

With such an arrangement, the shock absorbing member stays on the erect plate even when the entire internal component assembly is taken out of the electronic apparatus or even when the shock absorbing apparatus is removed from the internal component. This feature leads to facilitate handling of the internal component assembly or the shock absorbing apparatus. In addition, the shock absorbing member would not be lost or displaced even when the entire internal component assembly is taken out of the electronic apparatus or even when the shock absorbing apparatus is removed from the internal component, since the shock absorbing member is not separable from the erect plate.

On the other hand, JP 11-177261, which is discussed on page 2 of the present specification, only discloses shock absorbing members that are separable from the erect plate. The shock absorbing members are handled completely separately from the fixation member mounted on the internal component. The shock absorbing member is only designed to "receive" the erect plate. This causes problems in that the operator should handle the shock absorbing members and the fixation member separately.

In view of the present amendments to claims 4 and 7, and the above remarks, claims 4-9, in addition to claims 1-3 are believed to be patentable and early action towards allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**."

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4 and 7 as follows:

4. (Amended) An internal component assembly comprising:

an internal component for an electronic apparatus;

a fixation member stationary on the internal component;

an erect plate continuously extending from the fixation member so as to stand on an outer surface of the internal component; and

a shock absorbing member [disposed] fixed on front and back sides of the erect plate.

Please amend Claim 7, as follows:

7. (Amended) A shock absorbing apparatus comprising:

a fixation member stationary on an internal component designed to be installed in an electronic apparatus;

an erect plate continuously extending from the fixation member so as to stand on an outer surface of the internal component; and

a shock absorbing member [disposed] fixed on front and back sides of the erect plate.